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Dear Neighbors,

The Heroes of Freedom Memorial Ceremony.

The tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the subsequent military operations over the fifteen years since the attacks has affected the lives of all Americans. Thousands of extraordinary people lost their lives in the terror attacks at the

World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and in a farm field in Pennsylvania with the crash of the fourth hijacked airliner. It has been reported that 414 first responders (343 firefighters and 71 law enforcement officers) were killed in New York while 55



military personnel were among the 125 killed at the Pentagon. In addition, an abnormally high number of first responders at the scene have prematurely died since that fateful day. In the military operations since these attacks, nearly 7,000 Soldiers have been killed and over 50,000 injured in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom among others.

I share this sobering information to make sure we never forget. To never forget who and what we lost that day. To never forget the bravery we witnessed from our first responders and military personnel. To never forget.

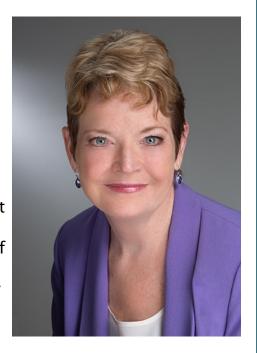
The Heroes of Freedom Memorial was dedicated a year ago to help us never forget. The Memorial, located on a wooded setting near the Wauconda Police Department on South Main Street, is a tribute to those who suffered on September 11th and to those who served in the subsequent Global War on Terrorism, the Afghan War and the Iraq War. To watch the dedication, <u>click</u> here.



The Heroes of Freedom Memorial includes a column from the 91st Floor of the World Trade Center, North Tower, set in a Pentagon base adorned with the seal of each branch of our Armed Forces, surrounded by four benches representing each of the four hijacked planes that crashed that morning with landscaping using soil from the flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania and a wall with the names of those that lost their lives that fateful day.

Please join me in saluting our brothers and sisters in the police and fire service and our brothers and sisters in arms. A ceremony honoring the lives lost on September 11, 2001 as well as the subsequent military action resulting from these attacks will be held at Wauconda's Heroes of Freedom Memorial at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 11th, 2016. The time correlates to the approximate time the final airplane crashed in a field near Shanksville that fateful day.

Our keynote speaker, Colonel Jill Morgenthaler, is a woman of many firsts. She was one of the first women to enter an experimental class for women in the U.S. Army ROTC and train as an equal with men. Overcoming obstacles, she was the first woman Battalion Commander in the 88th Regional Support Command Division, the first Brigade Commander in the 84th Division and then rose to the rank of Colonel. She was also the first woman to run homeland security for the state of Illinois. Following the capture of Saddam Hussein, Colonel Morgenthaler had a run-in with the former dictator.



Heroes of Freedom Memorial Remembrance Ceremony Sunday, September 11, 2016 ~ 9:00 AM

Color Guard - Military, Police and Fire

National Anthem -Sarah Peppler WHS

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Moment of Silence - At 9:07 AM CDT

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Invocation - Chael Tiller, Police & Fire Chaplain
Introductions - The Honorable Frank Bart
Kirk Morris - Gold Star Father Marine PFC Geoffrey Morris

America the Beautiful - Northern Illinois Pipe and Drums

Colonel Jill Morgenthaler – Iraq War Veteran Colonel Morgan Mann – Marine Reserves Don Kutinac –Heroes of Freedom Memorial Committee

God Bless America - Northern Illinois Pipe and Drums

Patrick Kane - Wauconda Fire, Battalion Chief Michael Botterman - Deputy Police Chief

Amazing Grace - Northern Illinois Pipe and Drums Benediction - Chael Tiller, Police & Fire Chaplain

Taps - Jim Reynolds - Bugles Across America

May God Bless You & Your Families

Ask the Mayor Question:

There has been talk that the Life Storage redevelopment of the former Dominick's is in jeopardy. In driving past the facility this week I noticed a sign for Extra Space Storage. What is the latest on this project?

Answer:

As reported to you last year, Life Storage, LLC (LSC Development) purchased the former Dominick's property on the southwest corner of US 12 and IL Route 176 with plans to redevelop the property. Their plan consists of 35,000 square feet of retail space along with 85,000 square feet of climate controlled self-storage and small business, entrepreneurial commercial



space. The plan is a creative, adaptive reuse of the site that has been vacant for over a decade.

A couple of weeks ago, the Village received word that there will be some ownership changes for the project. LSC is reporting to us that they still own the property but have sold off the business to Extra Space Storage which explains the signs installed. The business plan remains the same as does the redevelopment plan for the property. The build-out is progressing unhindered by the change and we're looking forward to grand opening in the near future.

Scouting in School District 118



Scouting starts with the Cub Scout Program for boys and their families in grades 1st – 5th. These youth work on age appropriate activities and awards to build awareness, physical fitness and service to their community. Wauconda Scouting is strongly supported by the town, the school system and non-profit groups such as the Masons, Rotary, American Legion, Moose and the

VFW. There are currently two Cub Scout Packs in Wauconda and soon growing to three to better serve District 118.



Boy Scouts is for boys in grades 6th thru 12th. These youth strive to do their best in whatever they do. Many challenges await them to expand their comfort zone, learn new skills, take on adventures to enhance current hobbies, find new ones or learn more about career opportunities that they may want to pursue upon graduation. It is proven that those who

take part in scouting get better grades on average, are the majority of the sport team captains, plus receive thousands of dollars in scholarships. For those 3% who will attain the rank of Eagle Scout, they achieve even higher accolades.



Venturing Crews are the coed arm of the BSA. Venturing Crews are for high school students and young adults who are between the ages 14 – 20. Venturing is the most prominent youth leadership development program across the world. Venturers focus on business, science, technology, program management, public speaking, interviewing skills, service to

others plus high adventures. This program is run by accomplished youth.



For Wauconda youth looking to explore a career in law enforcement or fire/paramedic protection services. Wauconda has a Police Explorer Post 526 and a Fire Explorer Post 118 for youth ages 14 –20 looking for a career focused program that will earn them on the job experience, college semester credits and scholarships in their field of focus. Please contact the

Wauconda Police or Fire Departments for more information on Exploring.

Find your local unit at <u>BeAScout.org</u>. For Cub Scouts you may sign up on September 15th at 7 PM at Robert Crown or Cotton Creek elementary schools and receive a FREE Rocket to build and launch with your Pack. You may also get more contact information at <u>BeAScout.org</u>.

Be Prepared! Prepared for Life.

Veterans Closet Fundraiser



50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has affected numerous Ash trees in the Village and will likely continue to have a detrimental impact on the remaining Ash trees within the next few years. To keep parkways in the Village attractive and to protect property values, the Village has removed infested trees as the first priority which will be followed by the replacement of parkway trees to the extent possible.

With limited funds available to commit to this replacement process, the Village is offering a 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program to residents on a voluntary basis to increase the

impact of the funds available and to expedite the replacement. If the homeowner adjacent to the location where a parkway tree was removed would like to participate in this program, the Village will split the cost to acquire, plant, and mulch the tree with the resident.

To participate, simply complete the form enclosed, select the type of tree desired, and return the form along with a check in the amount specified to the address included on the form by September 23, 2016. At this time, only one parkway tree per household will be granted for the fall planting, which will be completed in October.



Autumn Blaze Maple



Common Hackberry

This program is on a strictly voluntary basis. If the property owner does not wish to participate in this program, do nothing. The Village will continue to schedule the replacement of parkway trees as funds allow. Questions about this program should be directed to the Public Works Department, (847) 526–9610.

The form is available on the Village of Wauconda website

http://wauconda-il.gov/185/Public-Works.

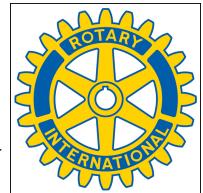
Meals for All



Wauconda Rotary Club 8th Annual Road Rally

Join the Wauconda Rotary Club for the 8th Annual Road Rally on

Saturday, October 1st from noon until 4:00 PM. The event starts at Small Town Brewery, 1000 N Rand Rd, Suite 204 and makes eight stops throughout the day. The cost is \$25.00 per person and you can have up to four people per car. Lunch is included. For more information, call Vickie at 847-526-6162 or visit their webpage at



www.WaucondaRotary.com.

The next meeting is Monday, September 19th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Village Hall, 101 N. Main Street.

Take care and God Bless,

Frank

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